

## **P.A.Y.T. WORK GROUP**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR 1-06-10, 7:00 P.M. – 9:48 P.M.**

PRESENT: SHARON BURGETT, MARY COOK, DIANE D'AMICO, DAVID DOWNEY, PETER GRAY, ANN HUNT, PAT RILEY, GIL SATTERLY, BILL WERNER.

ABSENT: PETER BUNDER (JON HOGGART REPRESENTED), PATRICK WOODSON.

ANN OPENED THE MEETING, DIANE VOLUNTEERED TO WRITE ON THE BOARD AS NEEDED, PAT RILEY TOOK MINUTES FOR THE MEETING.

ANN REINTERATED THAT WL TRASH SERVICE IS REGARDED AS "ONE OF THE BEST SERVICES AND VALUES THE CITY PROVIDES." ANN DISCUSSED AN EXAMPLE OF ST. PAUL'S TRASH COST WHICH IS \$86 PER QUARTER. ANN THANKED PETER GRAY FOR APPEARING ON WLFI TO PROMOTE RECYCLING. ANN THANKED MARY COOK FOR PREPARING THE PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH ARE NOW POSTED IN THE CITY WEB SITE

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ANN REMINDED THE WORKING GROUP ABOUT THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THE DEADLINE TO HAVE ITEMS LISTED FOR THE AGENDA IS FEB 18.

ANN INTRODUCED JIM TREAT WHOSE PRESENTATION WAS BASED ON ISSUES AND PARAMETERS PROVIDED BY OUR WORKING GROUP. MR. TREAT SUGGESTED KEEPING THINGS SIMPLE. HE POINTED OUT THAT FIXED RATES WERE MORE STABLE AND THAT UNIT PRICING IS DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT AND CUMBERSOME TO ADMINISTER. HE PROVIDED EXAMPLES OF INCREASING FLAT RATE FROM THE CURRENT \$9 (GENERATING \$520k PER YEAR) TO \$11 (GENERATING \$625K), \$12.25 (GENERATING \$700K), AND \$14 (GENERATING \$800K). TO MAINTAIN SIMPLICITY, MR. TREAT RECOMMENDED LIMITING THE PROGRAM TO A TWO TIER SYSTEM (LIMITING CHOICE TO TWO SIZES OF APPROVED TRASH CANS.) HE ALSO PROVIDED EXAMPLES OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD'S CHARGES FOR PICKING UP BULK ITEMS – THE WORKING GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE FEE SYSTEM FOR REMOVAL OF BULK ITEMS WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM. MR. TREAT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE COST OF BRUSH PICKUP IS AN EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE SERVICE AND SHOULD BE EXAMINED FOR WAYS TO REDUCE COST. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT THE BRUSH PICK UP SERVICE MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED (POSSIBLY CUT/LIMITED). MR. TREAT WAS ASKED IF HIS FIGURES FROM INCREASED RATE INCREASES INCLUDED FUNDS FOR VEHICLE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT (YES).

THE GROUP DISCUSSED BULK ITEM STICKER VS DIRECT PAY. DAVID SUPPORTED DIRECT PAY TO GUARANTEE THE SERVICE WAS PAID AND POINTED OUT THAT PICK UPS COULD BE SCHEDULED AS THEY WERE PAID AS CITY HALL. THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT THE TRASH REMOVAL STAFF WOULD BE

PREPARED TO THE LARGE ITEMS. NO DECISION WAS FINALIZED. JON DISCUSSED WHAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO SEE IN THE ORDINANCE AS A WAY OF INDICATING WHAT HE WOULD VOTE FOR WHEN PRESENTED AT THE MARCH MEETING. HE WANTS A MINIMAL FEE FOR THE SMALLER Toter, A SIGNICANTLY LARGER FEE FOR THE LARGE Toter, AND A BAG/STICKER FEE LARGE ENOUGH TO DISCOURAGE RESIDENTS FROM OPTING FOR THE SMALLER Toter AND USING BAGS/STICKERS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

THE GROUP HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED 4 DIFFERENT SIZES OF TOTERS AVAILABLE. GIL PROPOSED A POSSIBLE THREE-TIER SYSTEM USING 32 GAL - \$9, 56 GAL - \$11 OR \$12, AND 96 GAL - \$14. VARIOUS COMBINATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND ELIMINATED RESULTING IN A TWO-TIER SYSTEM USING 48 AND 96 GAL TOTERS. THE GROUP DISCUSSED HOW TO STICKER EXCESS GARBAGE (SELL SPECIFIC TRASH BAGS OR STICKERS THAT INDIVIDUALS WOULD PUT ON ANY 30-32 GAL BAG?) NO SYSTEM WAS FINALIZED.

IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT THERE IS A MINIMAL NUMBER OF 96 GAL TOTERS AND THAT THE CITY COULD POSSIBLY COMPENSATE ANY RESIDENT THAT MAY CHOOSE TO DOWNSIZE AND THAT THE COST COULD BE REDUCED BY RESELLING THE 96 GAL TOTERS TO RESIDENTS WHO MAY CHOOSE TO PAY TO THE SERVICE OF A LARGER CAN.

ANN DISCUSSED CONCERN FOR ELDERS WHO MAY BE ON A LIMITED INCOME AND COULD NOT AFFORD TO PURCHASE A CITY Toter. ANN INFORMED THE GROUP THAT THE EXISTING COMMUNITY FORMULA TO DETERMINE A RESIDENT'S ABILITY TO PAY (BASED ON INCOME) MAY BE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED TO AID RESIDENTS WHO MAY NOT BE FINFANCIALLY ABLE TO PAY UNDER THE NEW GUIDELINES.

MARY PROPOSED THAT THE GROUP VOTE ON CAN SIZE AND FEES. THE MAJORITY VOTED 48 GAL Toter - \$11 FEE. 96 GAL Toter – \$15 FEE. BULK PICK UP SERVICE - \$10 – ITEMS THAT COULD FIT IN A 4x4x8 FEET SPACE. EXCESS BAGGED TRASH - \$2 PER BAG/STICKER. PAT QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR EXCESS BAGS/STICKERS WHEN THE FIGURES PROVIDED BY MR. TREAT WOULD COVER TRASH SERVICE AS CURRENTLY PROVIDED WITHOUT A NEED TO CHARGE FOR EXTRA BAGS. PETER GRAY PROPOSED INCLUDING THE BASE FEES OF \$12.25 (GENERATES \$700K REVENUE) AND \$14 (GENERATES \$800K REVENUE) TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT THOSE FLAT FEES WOULD GENERATE.

MARY ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE TO WORK ON THE VERBAGE OF THE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL. DAVID, GIL, PETER GRAY, AND JON VOLUNTEERED.

ANN ASKED IF ANY OF THE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WERE INTERESTED IN REVIVING THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT WAS SOMETHING IN WHICH THE GO GREENER ORGANIZATION WAS CURRENTLY INVOLVED.

THE NEXT MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR JAN 13' 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AND A PUBLIC MEETING IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE WEEK OF 18 JAN.

THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 9:48 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY PAT RILEY